(c) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) There are about 1100 exporters of handicrafts and brassware located in and around Moradabad (U.P.). The details of exports from Moradabad are not available, as export statistics for a city are not maintained. However, the exports of handicrafts from the country including from Moradabad has been to the tune of 1585.53 US million $ and 1660.93 US million $ (Provisional) during 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. For improvement of the power system, the Empowered Committee of the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme operated by the Government has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 8.00 crores and an amount of Rs. 6.50 crores has already been released to the State Government. Steps have been initiated by National Highway Authority of India for improvement of the Delhi-Moradabad highway.

Implementation of Jute marketing scheme

4729. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "JCI ignored while implementing Jute marketing schemes Use of UNDEP FUNDS QUESTIONED" appeared in the Statesman dated the 7th October, 1997; if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether a corpus of Rupees 250 crore was created for modernisation and diversification of organised jute sector under "Rajiv Gandhi Jute Mills Modernisation Fund";

(c) if so, the jute industries which have been modernised/diversified by the fund giving details of each unit; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor and the present status of the fund?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Ministry of Textiles, Government of India have launched a National Jute Programme for diversification and marketing of Jute products in assistance with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with effect from June 1992. Under this programme, 26 projects have been undertaken with an assistance of US $ 19.53 million and a matching contribution of Rs. 36.63 crores from Government of India upto March '98. The programme has facilitated diversification in jute sector, strengthen R&D capacity and infrastructural support for transfer of technology, market promotion and enhancement of exports.

Under the Programme, JCI acted as the nodal agency for implementation of a project on "Jute quality improvement (Retting Technology)", for which an amount of Rs. 84.10 lakhs was disbursed by UNDP and Rs. 35.00 lakhs by Government of India for construction of Retting Tanks in Jute Growing States.

(b) and (c) Two seperate funds under the name of Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme (JMFS) and Special Jute Development Fund (SJDF) were created in November 1986, with a corpus of Rs. 150 crores and Rs. 100 crores respectively for modernisation and diversification of jute sector. They were not called "Rajiv Gandhi Jute Modernisation Fund."

Statement indicating Unit-wise disbursement of funds under the two schemes is at enclosed statement. *(See* below)

(d) Regarding JMFS, it was discontinued w.e.f. 1994.

Regarding SJDF, while Rs. 36.63 crores was spent as Govt. of India's matching contribution to the National Jute Programme till March, 98, in addition to the amounts disbursed to the Industry and other institutions, remaining funds are being utilized for commercialising the R&D programmes through Textile Research Associations.

National Centre for Jute Diversification and Govt. departments.

Statement

Special Jute Development & Funa
&
Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme
Disbursed as on 31-12-1995 (All India)

		Rs./Crores
1. Anglo-India Jute Mills Co. Ltd.	—	1.00
2. Hestings Mills (Jute Divn. of Shree Digvijoy Cement Co. Ltd.)	—	1.56
3. Aekta Ltd. (1st Phase)	—	4.42
4. India Jute & Inds. Ltd.	—	6.68
5. Birla Jute & Indus. Ltd.	—	5.51
6. Naihati Jute Mills Co. Ltd.	—	2.94
7. Ganges Mfg. Co. Ltd.	—	2.35
8. Chitavalsah Jute Mills	—	1.75
9. Cheviot Co. Ltd.	—	1.92
10. Kelvin Jute Co. Ltd.	—	1.39
11. New Central Jute Mills	—	6.21
12. Aekta Ltd. (2nd Phase)	—	4.62
13. Prabartak Jute Mills Ltd.	—	2.88
14. Howrah Mills Co. Ltd.	—	2.83
15. Aekta Ltd. (3rd Phase)	—	5.01
16. Anglo-India Jute Mills Co. Ltd. (Revised)	—	0.66
TOTAL	—	51.73

Development and promotion of Handloom Industry

4730. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing Central Sector/ Centrally sponsored schemes for development and promotion of handloom industry in the country and details of provisions made there-under;

(b) the details of results achieved during the 8th Plan in implementation of the Scheme state-wise alongwith estimated handlooms in operation and production therefrom;

(c) the major problems of handloom weavers State-wise and details of action taken/proposed during 1998-99 and 9th Plan period;

(d) the State-wise break-up of handloom weavers cooperative societies in operation and their estimated productions; and

(e) the details of fresh initiatives proposed to be taken under the New Textile Policy to boost performance of handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA):

Statement

(a) The following Central Sector/ Centrally sponsored Schemes are in operation for the development and promotion of handloom industry.

(1) Project Package Scheme.
(2) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
(3) Thirft Fund Scheme
(4) Mill Gate Price Scheme
(5) Group Insurance Scheme
(6) Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers (New Scheme)
(7) Health Package Scheme
(8) Setting up of Marketing Complexes
(9) Organisation of National Handloom Expos etc.
(10) Development of Exportable Projects and their Marketing Scheme.